GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - State Tax Department - Surprise check conducted by the ACB on the Border check Post, Commercial Tax Department, Pondugula, Dachepalli Mandal, Guntur District on 03.06.2016 - Disciplinary action initiated - Inquiry report along with disagreement factors communicated to the charged of0ficers - Representations received - Examined - Punishments imposed - Sri C.Munirathanam, Assistant Marketing Supervisor (CO.11) retired from Government Services on 30.09.2020 and expired on 20-06-2023 - Further action Abated - Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.384. Dated: 30.04.2025.

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, Lr.No.58/DES-TCT/2016, dt.10.02.2017.
2. G.O.Ms.No.170, Revenue (Vig.II) Dept., dt.19.04.2018.
3. G.O.Rt.Nos.515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525 and 526, Revenue (Vig.II) Dept., dt.19.04.2018.
4. G.O.Rt.No.1403, Revenue (Vig.II) Dept., dt.26.11.2019.
5. G.O.Rt.No.5, Revenue (Vig.II) Dept., dt.02.01.2020.
6. G.O.Rt.No.389, Revenue (Vig.II) Dept., dt.31.03.2020.
7. From the CCT's Ref.No.V3/240/2016, dt.14.06.2021.
8. Govt.Memo.No.17023/13/2017-VIG.II, dt.27.06.2022.
9. From the CCST., Lr.No.VI/241/2016, dt.09.09.2022.
10. Written representations of the Charged Officers dt.22.08.2022 and 01.09.2022.
11. Govt.Memo.No.REV-17023/39/2016-VIGII-REV, dt.18.03.2023.
12. G.O.Rt.No.156, Revenue (Vig.VI) Dept., dt.25.02.2025.
13. Govt.Memo.No.REV-17023/39/2016-VIGII-REV, dt.25.02.2025.
14. e-office File No. C.No.1181/Vig.II(1)/2017 of Agriculture Department.

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau has informed that a surprise check was conducted over the Integrated Check Post, Commercial Tax Department, Naraharipeta, Chittoor dist., on 03.06.2016 on the counters maintained by Commercial Tax Dept., Transport Dept., Agriculture Market Committee Dept., and Forest Depts., and found certain irregularities. The ACB have recommended departmental action against the following Suspected Officers of Commercial Tax Dept., Transport Dept., Agriculture Market Committee Dept., and Forest Departments:-

CT Dept:

1) Sri P. Raja Gopal, DCTO & AO, ICP, CT Dept., O/o.CTO, Chittoor Circle-II, Naraharipeta, Chittoor district (SO-1),
2) Sri Chittiboyina Ramanaiah, ACTO, O/o.ICP, Naraharipeta, Chittoor district (SO-2),
3) Sri Avula Radha Murali Krishna, ACTO, ICP, Naraharipeta (SO-3),
4) Sri Kamatam Madan Mohan, Senior CTI, O/o.CTO, Puttur (SO-4),
5) Sri Buddannagari Balaji Kiran, Junior CTI, O/o. DC (CT), Chittoor (SO-5),
6) Sri Rajaputra Siva Narayana Singh, Office Subordinate, O/o.CTO-II, Tirupati (SO-6),
7) Sri Bestha Adinarayana, Office Subordinate, O/o.CTO, Madanapalle (SO-7),
8) Sri Etigadda Narayanachetty, Hamali, O/o.ICP, Naraharipeta, Madanapalle, Chittoor district (SO-8),

Transport Dept: (SO-9)

9) Sri Bandlapalle Srihari, AMVI, RTA Dept. ICP, Naraharipeta, Chittoor (SO-9),

Forest Dept.(SO-10)
10) Sri Dalavai Chandrasekhar, Forest Section Officer, O/o.ICP, Naraharipeta (SO-10),

AMC Dept: (SO-11)
11) Sri C.Munirathnam, Assistant Marketing Supervisor (SO-11).

2. Whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, Government initiated common disciplinary proceedings against the Suspected Officers 1 to 11th of under Rule 24 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 for misconduct and violation of the APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964. In the 3rd reference read above, articles of charge were framed against each of them under Rule 20 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

3. Whereas, all the Charged Officers submitted their defense statements, and after examining the same in the reference 4th read above, Smt.B.Geeta Madhuri, Dy.Commissioner of State Tax, Chittoor Division was appointed as the Inquiring Authority and in the reference 5th read above, Sri K.Vijaya Sekhar, Inspector of Police, ACB, Tirupati Range, Tirupati was appointed as Presenting Officer to inquire into the charges framed against the Charged Officers. In the reference 6th read above, Sri P.Nagendra, Inspector of Police, ACB, Tirupati Range, Tirupati as Presenting Officer in place of Sri K.Vijaya Sekhar, Inspector of Police, ACB, Tirupati Range, Tirupati.

4. Whereas, in the reference 7th read above, the Chief Commissioner of State Tax (CCST) furnished the Inquiry Report to the Government for taking further action. After examining the Inquiry Report, in the reference 8th read above, the Inquiry Report, along with the disagreement factors, have been communicated to all the Charged Officers under Rule 21(2) of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991, with a direction to submit their representations, if any, on the disagreement factors and findings of the Inquiry Authority, within (15) days from the date of receipt. All the Charged Officers submitted their explanations and requested to drop further action against them in this matter.

5. Whereas, the Government, after a detailed examination of the Inquiry Report and the written representations submitted by the Charged Officers to the disagreement factors, found that although mediators did not witness any money exchanges during the surprise check, the unaccounted cash found suggests bribery. It was concluded that the Charged Officers were responsible for the seized amounts based on the preponderance of probability standard in departmental action.

6. Whereas, in the reference 11th read above, the CCST was requested to furnish the service particulars of all the Charged Officers immediately to Government for taking necessary action in the matter. As seen from the representations of the Charged Officers, out of (11) Charged Officers (2) Charged Officers viz., (1) Sri D. Chandrasekhar, Forest Section Officer (CO.I) (2) Sri C.Munirathnam, Assistant Marketing Supervisor (CO.11) retired from Government Services on 30.09.2020.

7. Whereas, in the reference 12th read above, Government, after examining the matter, have imposed a penalty of withholding of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect against the nine in service delinquent officers (1) Sri P.Raja Gopal, DCTO, (2) Sri C.Ramanaiah, ACTO, (3) Sri A.Radha Murali Krishna, ACTO, (4) Sri K.Madan Mohan, Sr.CTI, (5) Sri A.Balaji Kiran, Jr.CTI, (6) Sri R.Siva Narayana Singh, OS, (7) Sri B.Adinarayana, OS, (8) Sri E.Narayana Chetty, Hamali and (9) Sri B.Srihari, AMVI.

8. Whereas, in the reference 13th read above, Sri D.Chandra Sekhar, Forest Section Officer and Sri C.Munirathnam, Assistant Market Supervisor directed to show cause as to why the penalty of penalty of withholding of 3% pension for a period of one year should not be imposed against. The both the Charged Officers are directed to submit their explanation within 15 days from the date of receipt of this notice which fails it will be construed that they have no representation to offer,

and further action will be taken based on the material available with the Government.

9. Whereas, in the reference 14th read above, the Agriculture & Cooperative & Marketing Department has informed that, the Director of Agricultural Marketing, AP., has requested the Government to abate further action against Sri Late Ch.Muniratnam, the then Agricultural Marketing Supervisor of AMC, Vepanjeri of Chittoor District, as the Charged Officer was retired from service on 30.09.2020 and died on 20.06.2023 and requested to take necessary action in the matter.

10. Whereas, Government after careful examination of the matter in detail hereby abate further action against Late Ch.Muniratnam, the then Agricultural Marketing Supervisor of AMC, Vepanjeri of Chittoor District, who was expired on 20.06.2023, subject to recovery of loss caused by the deceased officers, if any, from their terminal benefits, in terms of Rule-9(7) of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

11. The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, Kunchanapalli, Guntur shall take necessary further action in the matter under intimation to the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

PEEYUSH KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The legal heirs of Sri C.Munirathnam, Assistant Market Supervisor (CO.11)
(Through the Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, Kunchanapalli, Guntur)
The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, Kunchanapalli, Guntur

Copy to:-
The Agriculture and Cooperation (Vig-II) Department for necessary further action
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, A.P Secretariat, Velagapudi
SF/SCs

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

V. Srinivasa Rao
SECTION OFFICER